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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CF							
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered to	pecause:						
(a) they raise new issues that would require furth	ner consideration and/or search ((see NOTE below);					
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);							
(c) they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or	in better form for appeal by mate	erially reducing or sir	nplifying the				
(d) they present additional claims without cance NOTE:	ling a corresponding number of	finally rejected claims	S.				
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following reject	ction(s):						
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	d be allowable if submitted in a s	eparate, timely filed	amendment				
5. ☑ The a) ☑ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .							
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered be raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.	cause it is not directed SOLELY	to issues which were	e newly				
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendmen explanation of how the new or amended claims w			nd an				
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows	:						
Claim(s) allowed:							
Claim(s) objected to:							
Claim(s) rejected:							
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:							
8. The drawing correction filed on is a) app	proved or b) disapproved by	the Examiner.					
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement	ent(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s).	·	1				
10. Other:		KENNEDY SCHAE PRIMARY EXAMI					
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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: A supplemental declaration under §1.131 by declarant Krall is required specifically referring to the Lewis statement as supporting evidence of the allegation of fact (see MPEP 715.07)